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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006) and has the honour to attach herewith the report pursuant to paragraph 31 of resolution 1929 (2010) on the steps taken by the Government of the Republic of Croatia to implement the relevant provisions of the resolution (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 29 December 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

Report of the Republic of Croatia on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1929 (2010)

Following the adoption of Security Council resolution 1929 (2010), all necessary activities have been undertaken at the national level in order to ensure its full implementation.

Legal framework

The legal framework for implementation of Security Council resolution 1929 (2010) is based on the Act on international restrictive measures (Official Gazette 139/2008), which replaced the previous act (Official Gazette 178/04). The Act regulates the procedure of introducing, applying and abolishing the sanctions. Natural and legal persons are obliged to act within their scope of activities in accordance with this Act and to ensure application of the sanctions. The implementation of the Act and by-laws are supervised by the competent State administration bodies and holders of public authorities for the area to which the sanctions refer.

The Government of the Republic of Croatia decides on the introduction of sanctions, prescribing the application of sanctions on a case-by-case basis, determining the type of sanction, the manner of its application, duration and supervision, all of which are published in the Official Gazette. The Government also decides on the abolishment of sanctions.

The restricted disposal of assets shall be implemented by applying specific measures for freezing assets. Any person not acting in accordance with the Act and the Government's decision determining the sanctions shall be punished by a fine or prison sentence lasting from six months to five years.

Strengthening capacities for implementation

In accordance with the Act, the Government has established a coordination group for monitoring the implementation of sanctions, comprising representatives of all the relevant institutions (Ministry for Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Economy, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Sea, the Croatian National Bank, and the State Attorney's Office). The coordination group meets every few months, or more frequently if there is a need to consider the status of implementation, propose new measures to the Government and coordinate the necessary activities. The group is headed by the representative of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and European Integration.

In order to ensure the efficient application of the sanctions and international data exchange, it is stipulated that the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and European Integration is in charge of keeping and maintaining a database on sanctions and the natural and legal persons to which the restrictive measures apply. The database is kept for five years after the abolishment of a sanction.

The Government of Croatia took a decision on the implementation of Council resolution 1929 (2010) upon the proposal made by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and European Integration and based on the conclusions of the coordination group. The decision was published in the Official Gazette with all attached lists and entered into force on the day of its release. The decision prohibits all activities at the national level in accordance with the provisions of resolution 1929 (2010), authorizes the relevant bodies concerning its implementation and calls on the coordination group to perform monitoring and coordination activities when needed.

The capacities presented herein are sufficient to enable the efficient application of resolution 1929 (2010) at the national level.